

REMARKS

By the present amendment, claims 36 and 37 are pending in the application.

Claim Amendment

Support for the amendment to independent claim 36 may be found in the specification, e.g., at page 16, lines 1-2 and lines 19-20.

§112, ¶2

Claims 36 to 38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, on the grounds of no enablement for a radius of curvature of 0.5 mm or larger appearing in step (e) of claim 36.

In response to this rejection, independent claim 36 has been amended by the present amendment.

By the present amendment, step (e) of claim 36 has been amended to read --a radius of curvature of about 0.5 to 3 mm--.

In view of the present amendment, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, be withdrawn.

§102

Claim 38 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by either of Statnikov '726 or Prokopenko et al.

By the present amendment, claim 38 has been canceled. Therefore, the rejection of claim 38 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is now moot.

Claims 36 and 37 were not rejected over the prior art.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that in view of the present amendment, and foregoing remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance. It is therefore respectfully requested that the application, as amended, be allowed and passed for issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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